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## CHANNEL CURRENTS

### COVID-19

Cases as of August 25, 2020

### HOUSTON AREA

19 COUNTIES

157,469 POSITIVE

1,916 DEATHS

111,702 RECOVERED

### TEXAS

604,286 POSITIVE

11,935 DEATHS

466,550 RECOVERED

### UNITED STATES

5,777,304 POSITIVE

178,465 DEATHS

2,053,699 RECOVERED

### WORLDWIDE

23,813,181 POSITIVE

817,373 DEATHS

15,479,539 RECOVERED

### COVID-19 RESOURCES

### CITY OF HOUSTON

832-393-4220

### HARRIS COUNTY

713-634-1110

ASK A NURSE

MOBILE TESTS

713-439-6000

### PRE-SCREENING

### HARRIS COUNTY

832-927-7575

readyharris.org

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MD MEDICAL

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## NCA Chamber Monthly Luncheon

You're invited to a luncheon by Zoom on Friday, September 4 starting at 11:30 a.m. The speaker is Richard Ruchhoeft, Project Manager for the Channel Development of Port Houston. Members \$20, and non-members \$25, but you get a \$10 gift card to a chamber member restaurant of your choosing. Call yesenia at 713-450-3600 to participate, or yesenia@ncachamber.com.

## Blood Drive

You can give blood on Monday, August 31 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Clarion Inn Houston-East. Appointment is required, see www.commitforlife.org or call 281-452-7304. Sponsor Code CIHE. Free COVID-19 Antibody Test & Blue Bell ice cream for donors.

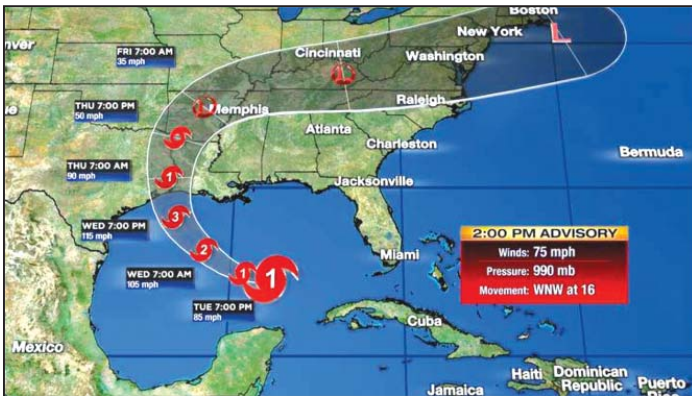
## NCA Chamber Golf Tournament

North Channel Area Chamber annual Dr. Gerald Cobb Golf Tournament, Monday October 5, 2020 at Tour 18 in Humble. Shotgun start at 8 a.m. Call 713-450-3600 for reservations and sponsorships.

# HURRICANE LAURA HITS TEXAS & LOUISIANA

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott today held a press conference at the Alternate State Operations Center in Austin where he provided an update on the state's response to Hurricane Laura. This hurricane is expected to bring heavy rainfall, flooding, high winds, and storm surge. He announced that he has added 36 counties to his State Disaster Declaration due to the threat of severe rain, wind, and flooding.

During the press conference, Governor Abbott announced that reception centers in San Antonio, Dallas-Fort Worth, and Austin are open. The state is providing buses to transport Texans that are evacuating. There are also over 225,000 hotel rooms available across the state to provide shelter to evacuees.



This map from the National Weather Service shows the likely path of Hurricane Laura, and how it is gaining strength as it crosses the Gulf of Mexico. It is expected to be a Category 4 hurricane, with winds of at least 145 mph with gusts to 175 mph. The expected landfall is the border between Texas and Louisiana, but the cone of possibility indicates Houston may feel some or all of the effects of the storm.

A full list of mandatory and voluntary evacuations can be found on the Texas Hurricane Center web page. Governor Abbott urged Texans to take action now to protect themselves and their property.

"Hurricane Laura is rapidly intensifying and poses a major threat to communities in Southeast Texas and along the coast," said Governor Abbott. "Texans in the path of this storm should waste no time preparing for the impact of Hurricane Laura and take immediate action to keep themselves and their loved ones safe. I urge our Southeast and coastal communities to heed the

See **HURRICANES**, page 6

# Hurricane evacuations underway

SOUTHEAST TEXAS – Counties and cities from Chambers County to Louisiana were issuing evacuation notices, in the anticipation that the coming Hurricane Laura would bring high winds and heavy rains, with flooding similar to previous devastating hurricanes.

Mandatory evacuations

have been issued for Galveston, Chambers County if you live in a flood-prone area, Galveston County for low-lying and beachfront areas, Jefferson County, City of Kemah, Orange County, and City of Port Arthur.

Also, voluntary evacuations have been ordered in parts of Baytown, Harris County flood-prone zones,

La Porte, Lake Jackson, League City, Nassau Bay, and Seabrook. Although all of these areas will require shelters after the evacuation, in general they have not been designated as yet.

School districts and COVID-19 testing sites have shut down for the next three days. This includes schools in Barbers

Hill, Anahuac, Chambers County, Goose Creek, and Crosby, as well as many others. Community Colleges have also closed on Wednesday and Thursday, and some on Friday. This includes Lee College and San Jacinto College.

First responders and Emergency Management personnel have pre-posit

ioned rescue and water rescue vehicles, as were needed in the last few hurricanes.

Authorities have urged residents to prepare for several days away from home, by packing a "to go" kit with necessary items. See a list of suggested items on page 6 of this issue of the newspaper.

# Barge fleet gets ready for hurricane

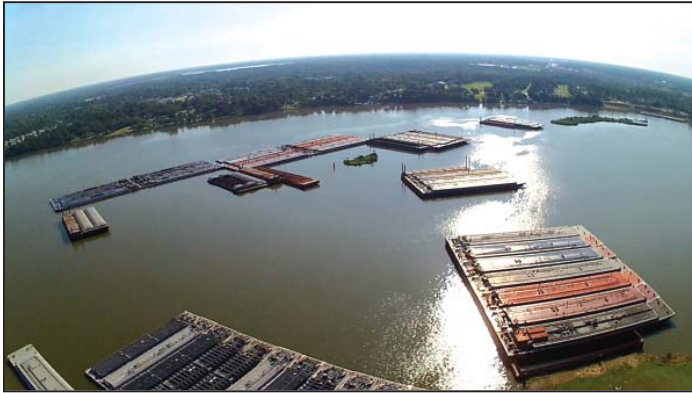
HARRIS COUNTY – The following information has been received from the executive vice president of the San Jacinto River Fleet, who own or manage most of the barges in the San Jacinto River near the I-10 bridge.

August 24, 2020

COAST GUARD SECTOR HOUSTON-GALVESTON MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN 33-20

The San Jacinto River Fleet, L.L.C. (SJRF) has implemented the following additional precautions regarding our Emergency Response Procedures 5.080 HURRICANE 08/24/2020.

1. Tier Three and Four have been temporarily closed for the USCG subject weather events.
2. Four push-boats will



Barges of the San Jacinto River Fleet are seen in the river to the north of the I-10 bridge. In the distance past the barges is the navigation channel for the river, and beyond that, the trees and shoreline of Highlands.

be on station in the fleet monitoring moorings.

3. Senior Management will be on-site for the duration of the weather events.

We have taken the same steps that were taken during the Hurricane Harvey weather event where we experienced 28' +/- flood waters above normal,

See Related Letter on Page 3

# Pct. 2 wants input on Parks & Trails

PCT. 2 HARRIS COUNTY – Commissioner Adrian Garcia plans to hold a Zoom public meeting next Monday night, if hurricane weather allows. He is interested in the public's ideas for further development of the precinct's park system.

You can join him for the virtual kick-off of the Precinct 2 Parks & Trail Plan! The goal of the project is to develop a long-term vision and a near-term plan for priority investments in parks and trails based on YOUR FEEDBACK!

For more information on this project, visit: https://www.pct2parksandtrails.com/ To join the English-speaking meeting, see details below:

Aug. 31st at 7:30 PM



Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia

Meeting ID: 916 0199 8480 By computer/Zoom app: https://zoom.us/j/91601998480

Or to call in: (346) 248-7799

To join the Spanish speaking meeting see details below: ¡Acompañeme para el inicio virtual del Plan de Parques y Caminos del Precinto 2! El objetivo del proyecto es desarrollar una visión a largo plazo y un plan a corto plazo para las inver-

siones prioritarias en parques y caminos basados EN SUS COMENTARIOS. Para más información sobre este proyecto, visite: https://www.pct2parksandtrails.com/

Para unirse a la junta en español, consulte los detalles a continuación:

31 de Agosto 2020 a las 6:30 PM

Meeting ID: 932 9372 0355

Por computadora/Zoom app: https://zoom.us/j/93293720355

O llame al: (346) 248-7799

Adrian Garcia, Harris Co. Precinct 2 Commissioner

Parks and trails in Precinct 2 provide opportunities for communities to safely come together, play, exercise, and connect with nature.

Now more than ever, parks are a vital resource for all residents.

In order to ensure that open spaces in the Precinct meet the community's needs for years to come, Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia's office is working with community members and key stakeholders to develop a long-term

vision and a near-term plan for priority investments in parks and trails. Through a collaborative process involving in-depth community engagement, research, and analysis, the Parks and Trails Plan will outline how the parks and trails system will best serve the diverse communities in Precinct 2, including an examination of existing parks and trails, recommendations for new and improved facilities, and the development of clear goals and objectives for the future of the parks and trails system.

Precinct 2 maintains and operates over 3,800 acres of parks and 27 miles of trails, providing resi-

See **PARKS & TRAILS**, page 6



# Harris County COVID test sites closed by weather

Testing Site Schedules Change due to Possible Storm Impact

Starting Wednesday, Mobile and Stationary Sites will Close for a Few Days

Houston – Hurricane Laura is expected to make landfall early Thursday morning on the Texas or Louisiana coast,

but we don't know where. Due to the uncertainty and to protect the public and test site staffs, HCPH sites will be

closed for a few days starting Wednesday, August 26. After the storm makes landfall, we will decide on a

reopening schedule.

All mobile test sites will be closed at least Wednesday, August 26 and Thursday, August 27. After the sites reopen,

register for the mobile sites at [www.hcphtx.org](http://www.hcphtx.org) or by calling 832-927-7575. Keep the authorization code to

show at the test site. Children can also be tested at mobile sites.

Mobile locations for August 26-29, Wednesday-Saturday are:

- Christia Adair Park 15107 Cullen Blvd, Houston, TX 77047
- Closed Wed & Thur, August 26-27
- M.O. Campbell Education Center 1865 Aldine Bender, Houston, TX 77032
- Closed Wed & Thur, August 26-27
- Iglesia Faro de Luz 4900 Greenhouse Rd, Houston, TX 77084
- Closed Wed & Thur, August 26-27
- Mangum-Howell Community Center 2500 Frick Rd, Houston, TX 77038
- Closed Wed & Thur, August 26-27
- Lindsay/Lyons Park and Sports Complex 2310 Atascocita Rd, Humble, TX 77396
- Closed Wed & Thur, August 26-27

The 2 stationary sites in Pasadena and Cy Fair will be closed at least Wednesday-Friday, August 26-August 28.

When the sites re-open, sign up for the stationary sites at, [www.doineedacovid19test.com](http://www.doineedacovid19test.com) or call 832-927-

7575. People must be 13 or older to be tested at these sites. Keep the assigned voucher ID to be tested and the username and password used to register to get test results, in 3-5 days. Stationary sites are open Monday- Saturday.

# Highlands man shot at softball game

HOUSTON – A man from Highlands was gunned down at Houston Sportsplex on August 13.

According to Houston Police Department, the shooter claimed it was a case of self-defense.

Shepherd Schumaker, 32, expired at a nearby hospital from gunshot wounds. Detectives say the shooting at 12631 South Main Street began at about 10:40 p.m.

Witnesses indicated a fight erupted inside the parking lot of a softball game following a game.

Witnesses told police that Schumaker drew a pistol and threatened several by pointing the weapon at them. Among them a 45-year-old suspect that witnesses indicated was trying



Shepherd Shumaker

that Schumaker was transported to the hospital and pronounced dead sometime after. Some 300 people were still at the scene when police arrived and about that number were there when the shooting started. They are looking for anyone that would speak of or may have video recorded the shooting.

The 45 year old stayed at the scene and cooperated with investigators. His statements to police indicated that the suspect shot Schumaker in fear for his life.

Houston Police gave the case to the District Attorney's Office without charges. A grand jury will make the decision of whether to charge the suspect in the shooting.

# County urges schools to stay closed for in-person

Harris County Public Health (HCPH) has made it abundantly clear that current indicators are not safe to resume in-person school activities in Harris County due to COVID-19. HCPH has taken into consideration a variety of factors in making this decision including the importance of in-person activities for students. In-person activities for schools are indeed valuable for the social fabric of children and communities. Data and evidence remain the cornerstone of decision making.

Since issuing the *Harris County School Reopening Roadmap*, HCPH has received a joint letter from several Harris County ISDs. In its guidance, HCPH has recommended that in-person activities be phased-in until community spread of COVID-19 declines. To monitor and inform phased-in approaches for in-person activities, HCPH has recommended a set of benchmarks and metrics to monitor for public health trends. These indicators do not mean that in-person activities for schools will be closed indefinitely until a vaccine is available and the pandemic is over. Rather it is up to all of us to assure that our schools can

go back to in-person learning sooner than later.

These recommendations are not taken lightly but are offered with the full Harris County community in mind. Ultimately, school leaders and administrators are responsible for using these metrics and making the decisions to resume in-person activities in a way that keeps schools, students, faculty and staff safe. HCPH remains committed to working with its partners in helping Harris County move forward with its goal of reopening schools safely, responsibly and sustainably.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Judge rules Barbers Hill ISD's dress code discriminatory

### Barbers Hill ISD Student Hair Controversy

**HOUSTON** – After three days of consideration, a judge ruled Monday night that the Barbers Hill Independent School District's dress code is discriminatory after two Black students were suspended over the length of their dreadlocks.

The lawsuit was filed after Deandre Arnold, a former Barbers Hill High School student, was suspended his senior year over the length of his hair. Arnold, his mother and other family members, filed the lawsuit against the district, alleging the following causes of action: intentional race discrimination, intentional race discrimination, sex discrimination, retaliation in violation of the First Amendment and several other violations under the U.S. Constitutional Amendment.

How the dreadlock controversy began

Barbers Hill ISD revised its dress code policy over winter break. Arnold, a senior in the class of 2020, who is described as an A and B student, was sent to in-school suspension and told he could not walk at graduation until his dreadlocks were cut short to meet the new dress code. Arnold took a stand and refused to cut his dreads due to his Trinidadian background.

Members of the Black Lives Matter organization along with Arnold's parents and several activists attended a school board meeting to voice their displeasure with the revised

dress code, but the board members chose not to bring the topic up for discussion during the meeting.

Barbers Hill ISD released a written statement at the time:

"We do have a community supported hair length policy & have had for decades. Barbers Hill is a state leader with high expectations in all areas!"

Arnold's mother **Sandy Arnold chose to withdraw her son** from the school district in his final semester of high school due to the response from the school district.

As the controversy brewed, **more Barbers Hill High School students and their parents gathered to show support**, saying Arnold was not the only one being targeted by the dress code. Other male students said the district's policy is biased against boys. Many students said the district didn't start cracking down on the dress code until after the Christmas break — for one main reason.

"Once we first got on the news with Deandre (Arnold) then it just started becoming a problem," said student Brandon Hernandez.

National support for Deandre Arnold

Deandre Arnold's story captured national attention with many celebrities voicing their support.

Houston Texas star **DeAndre Hopkins tweeted his support**.

See **BHISD POLICY**, page 6

## Don't Let Fear Delay Your Healthcare

Many people are postponing medical procedures or avoiding lifesaving emergency care because of concerns about the safety of hospitals and emergency care facilities and the risk of getting COVID-19.

Jeanna Bamburg, CEO of HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast, wants everyone to know that HCA Houston Healthcare facilities are safe and continually focus on providing all patients with outstanding care.

"HCA Houston Healthcare began preparing for COVID-19 in January and instituted many resources to ensure the safety of our

patients and our colleagues," Bamburg said. "Our facilities are continuing to abide by strict health and safety standards, as well as guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)."

Some of the enhanced precautions in place to protect patients, visitors and colleagues include:

- **M a n d a t o r y** screening and universal masking for all patients, visitors and staff

- Heightened infection prevention policies, including removal of high touch items, access to hand sanitizer stations, frequent

sanitization of common areas, social distancing in all waiting areas and limited essential visitation

- COVID-19 positive patients and those with symptoms receive care in separate, designated units

- Non-COVID-19 patients are treated in separate areas by caregivers who adhere to strict infection control protocol

The risk associated with avoiding emergency rooms when you're sick often far outweighs any potential exposure risks. Don't delay your medical care. HCA Houston Healthcare hospitals and 24/7 emergency

care centers are safe, and fully committed and prepared to care for patients experiencing medical emergencies and those patients who have been waiting for medically necessary surgeries and procedures.

If you have concerns about exposure to COVID-19, HCA Houston Healthcare offers diagnostic testing to determine if a COVID-19 infection is currently present at all CareNow Urgent Care locations.

Visit our Coronavirus Resource Hub at [HCAhoustonhealthcare.com/covid-19](https://HCAhoustonhealthcare.com/covid-19) for more information.

## Dr. Augusto Sepulveda Named Associate Chief Medical Officer of HCA Healthcare Gulf Coast



DR. AUGUSTO SEPULVEDA

Healthcare Gulf Coast Division Chief Medical Officer. "He has experience as a multi-facility physician and has held clinical internal medicine, academic medicine, and healthcare leadership roles for more than two decades. He also has a strong track record of accountability, responsibility, and productivity by achieving physician engagement and buy-in and has demonstrated an excellent team-based approach to maximize resources and deliver outcomes while being compassionate, approachable, and collegial. I look forward to working with him very much."

A native of Puerto Rico, Sepulveda was the senior vice president, chief medical officer, and chief medical information officer at

Medical Center Health System in Odessa before joining the HCA Healthcare Gulf Coast Division. He taught at the Ponce School of Medicine and Health Sciences in Puerto Rico, where he received his medical degree in 1997, for 12 years. He also completed a residency in internal medicine at the Damas Hospital in Puerto Rico and earned a master's degree in public health from the Ponce Health Sciences University in 2011. He is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives, the American Medical Informatics Association, ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA Medical Honor Society and the American Medical Association. He is also a fellow in the American College of Physicians.

uncompromising commitment to quality care, patient safety and medical technology, and the development of programs that further cultivate quality improvement.

"Augusto has a proven record of institutional outcomes and quality initiatives," said Ali-Khan, HCA



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Pineforest Jewelry, Uvalde Rd  
Carter-Conley Funeral Home, 13701 Corpus Christi St.  
San Jacinto College North, Student Center & Library  
Fonteno Court House, Wallisville Rd  
Sellers Brothers Market, Uvalde Rd  
YMCA, Wallisville Rd.  
Kroger's, Woodforest @ Beltway 8  
Sen. Sylvia Garcia office, in Woodforest Bank Bldg  
North Channel Library, Wallisville Rd  
Water District # 21, Sheldon Rd

**CHANNELVIEW**  
Woodforest Bank, Sheldon Rd  
Post Office, Sheldon Rd  
Woodforest Bank, Sheldon Rd  
Channelview Admin Bldg, Sheldon Rd  
Holiday Inn, I-10 E  
Martin Luther King Community Ctr., Lorenzo St.  
Water District #47, Woodforest Blvd  
Chevron, Woodforest & Uvalde  
Bonfire Wings, Woodforest Blvd  
Serena Donuts, Woodforest Blvd  
Pine Trails Community, Woodbend Dr

**SHELDON**  
Sheldon ISD Admin Bldg.  
Kroger's, Normandy at Woodforest  
Sheldon ISD Transportation  
HCA Houston 24/7, Beltway 8

**CLOVERLEAF**  
HC WCID #36, Hollywood St  
Grayson Community Center, Corpus Christi St  
Galena Park Admin Building, Beltway 8 at Woodforest  
CommunityBank of Texas, I-10 E @ Freeport  
North Channel Assistance Ministries, Bonham @ Freeport  
Chevron, I-10 West

**JACINTO CITY**  
City Hall, Main Street  
Community Center/Senior Center, Oates Rd  
Capital Bank, I-10 E  
Jacinto City Branch Library, Akron St  
State Rep Ana Hernandez office, Mercury Drive  
Sellers Brothers Market, Market St  
Market Street Feed Store, Market St  
Mr. Mercury Gas Station, Mercury Dr  
Jacinto City Parks & Recreation, Mercury Dr  
Chevron, Market St

**GALENA PARK**  
Baggett Community Center, Keene St  
Galena Park City Hall, Clinton Drive  
Galena Park Library, Keene St  
United Comm. Credit Union, 16th St  
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LETTERS

To The Editor

Storms near the San Jacinto River require better protection from disaster

With the approaching storms possibly headed directly to our community we ask what precautions, preparedness, marine industry instruction and community alert systems are currently being worked on or put in place to protect the I-10 East San Jacinto Bridge, the San Jacinto Waste Pits Superfund Site, River Terrace Park, and the residents in the immediate areas adjacent to the San Jacinto River and Old River along Lakeside Dr.? Among other marine incidents, during Hurricane Harvey a multitude of barges broke loose and traveled freely down Old River towards River Terrace Park endangering the immediate residents and homes along Lakeside Dr. and the surrounding neighborhoods and communities.

“.....Prepared as we were, our tugs rescued 30+ barges at an adjacent company which had come loose from their moorings. At least twice, the barges came down in groups of eight and once, even a group of 13 barges came down on our fleet. ...” Harley Marine Gulf newsletter Soundings September 2017 issue.

See Related Story on Page 1

As these incidents occurred no effort was made by the marine companies involved or responding nor by any emergency or governmental entity to alert the residents in their homes just a few feet away of the platoons of barges traveling freely through the waterway filled with barges containing a hazardous cocktail of chemicals, hydrocarbons and compressed gases, in essence a floating chemical storage facility, of the fact they were one barge strike away from disaster.

During last summer’s Tropical Storm Imelda barges broke loose striking and lodging on the SJR Waste Pits Superfund site and striking and damaging the I-10 East San Jacinto bridge resulting in several months of impaired and lost of use a major Texas & National traffic artery severely handicapping and endangering the surrounding communities of Channelview, Highlands, Baytown, Barrett Station and Crosby making it nearly impossible for the residents to conduct commerce, obtain health, social and emergency services, and travel to and from their places of employment.

Since these events the marine industry and barge and tug mooring within the San Jacinto River and Old River waterways has increased substantially. Old River inclusive of Market St., River Terrace Park and Lakeside Dr. is a continuous row of barges multiple barges deep along the banks extending far into the waterway and a maze of moored barges in the waterway itself difficult to traverse in fair weather conditions and a danger filled obstacle course for any marine vessel out of control, especially in foul weather. The barge fleeing and mooring on the north and south sides of the I-10 bridge have been allowed to remain and expand. These conditions are increasing the potential for a more devastating and dangerous event resulting in extensive loss of life, health, property and irreparable damage to the environment. For your reference and use are photos taken today, 08/21/20, depicting some of the current dangers and conditions are attached, but we adamantly request you visit these areas for the best understanding of the dangerous conditions in place.

As residents and community members in close proximity to and therefore directly affected by any adverse outcome of any incident occurring within the San Jacinto and Old River waterways we feel it is our duty to make you exceptionally aware of these potentially dangerous conditions and feel it is our right and a necessity to be informed prior to, during and after what measures are being taken to ensure our health, safety and welfare.

As the storms are expected to arrive Tuesday your expedient attention and response to this matter is a necessity.

Sincerely, Carolyn Stone

Channelview Health & Improvement Coalition, Channelview, Texas



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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Chris Cobler



School year brings an Apple for Students, too

Students across Texas returned to campuses last week as schools and universities scrambled to put into place new lesson plans that best accommodate a pandemic.

For many school districts, this meant greatly expanding the technological resources of their students to support a mix of in-person and online education. For example, Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District east of Houston announced plans to buy 16,000 iPads for almost \$3.1 million. The Texas Education Agency’s statewide initiative, Operation Connectivity, will pay half the cost.

Gov. Greg Abbott also announced the TEA had obtained more than 1 million personal devices and internet WiFi hotspots as part of the initiative. The effort is financed by a previously announced \$200 million allocation of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act funding to the TEA and matched by school districts. It will ensure that students attending a Texas public school will have both a device and connection to the internet throughout the school year and beyond, Abbott said.

In other tech-related news last week, Apple became the first U.S. company to be valued at \$2 trillion.

RAISE YOUR HAND FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Texas Association of School Boards endorsed via Twitter a column urging people to keep supporting public schools despite the pandemic.

In the column, Michelle Smith, vice president of policy and advocacy for Raise Your Hand Texas, wrote, “Enrolling your student in your public school ensures they still have access to the best-prepared teachers, access to the best resources and systems designed to help meet the needs of all students, and, whenever we can all get back to a more normal in-school experience, access to



all the other things we miss — sports, arts, academic, extracurricular, and other offerings only provided by our public schools.”

Meanwhile, college students across Texas moved into residence halls with new social distancing protocols in place.

Amanda Lee, a resident assistant at the University of North Texas, encouraged Mean Green students and their families arriving at the dorms in Denton. Her advice:

“I would say that, even though this year is going to be pretty different, I would still say to put yourself out there.”

CALORIE-FREE DESSERTS

Big Tex will be lonelier but perhaps slimmer this year as the State Fair of Texas plans for a virtual event instead of a midway packed with people and deep-fried Twinkies.

Fair organizers are still trying to generate some virtual fun, announcing decidedly different arts, crafts and cooking contests. The four virtual arts and crafts contests are for face masks, sidewalk chalk art, nail art and a decorated mantel or shelf. The three cooking contests are for cake decorating, cookie decorating and mini butter sculpture. Because the cooking contest can’t be tasted this year, entries will be judged on their appearance.

Participants may enter

their photo submissions for the virtual contests at [CreativeBigTex.com](https://www.creativebigtex.com). Online submissions will open Sept. 21 and run through Oct. 4. Winners will be announced Oct. 9.

FROM ANTIQUES TO AMAZON

Forney, proclaimed by the Legislature as the antique capital of Texas, is getting a thoroughly modern makeover.

Officials announced Amazon would build in 2021 a 1 million square-foot fulfillment center in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex suburb, bringing 500 jobs to the city of 26,000. Amazon also is planning in Forney a 200,000-square-foot delivery station, which is anticipated to open later this year.

“Bringing a transcendent company such as Amazon to Forney is a huge step for our community,” Forney Mayor Mary Penn said.

THAT’LL BE THE DAY

Texas music is a cure for what ails most anything.

With this prescription in mind, the Texas Music Office encourages people to drive the Texas Music Trail through the Panhandle Plains region. You can download or stream the music office’s Spotify playlist.

The first stop is the Buddy Holly Center in Lubbock. The center is celebrating the rock pioneers’ 84th birthday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 7.

Other stops include the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center in Pampa, the Jimmy Dean Museum in Plainview and the Cadillac Ranch in Amarillo.

Pop singer Rihanna paid a surprise visit last week, stopping by the Cadillac Ranch to spray-paint an obscenity about President Trump on one of the 10 vehicles buried nose-down in the unusual public art installation. No one independently confirmed seeing the international singing sensation in Amarillo, but she posted the photos to her Instagram page, which has 98.1 million followers.

Her message did not “shine bright like a diamond” with the president’s supporters. Ronny Jackson, the former White House physician who is running for Congress in the 13th District, tweeted in response that he had fixed her “art” by spray-painting over her message.

The Cook Partisan Voting Index identifies the 13th as the most Republican district in the country, delivering 80 percent of its vote to Trump in 2016. Jackson took note of this fact, tweeting: “Next time you’re in Texas, don’t forget, THIS IS TRUMP COUNTRY!”

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

Reading to Lori

I’ve been reading to Lori.

Lori is my husband, Peter’s, older sister. She has cancer and has been battling it for a while now. She uses oxygen to help out and catching this virus would be terrible for her, so Peter and I are extra careful, in large part because I’d like to keep reading to Lori.

I’ve been writing a novel. It’s the first time I’ve written fiction, so I honestly don’t have any idea what I’m doing. It’s the sort of thing a person learns how to do by doing — and so I’ve been doing it, pretty much alone, since the end of January. Except that, sometime in there, I started reading it to Lori.

Peter has been cooking. Peter is an excellent cook. I strongly recommend, if you are a writer and it’s not too late, you marry someone who cooks because sometimes I get so wrapped up in my imaginary little world, I forget about cooking meals and, when I come downstairs, Peter always has a pot of something on the stove. He’s good about things like that and, since about the first of the year, Peter has been bringing food to Lori.

Unlike me, Lori has a good excuse not to be cooking. She’s not always hungry and her diet is restricted and sometimes, she just doesn’t have the energy to think about making food. Peter brings over food and when he does, I read.

As this virus has stretched on, these days of reading have become more important to me and, I suspect, to all of us. Sometimes I dress up a little. It feels good to put on a sundress for a change. We sit outside on opposite sides of her deck. Lori’s husband, Robert, puts Peter’s food in the fridge, and we find out how Lori’s been feeling and what treatments she’s been on most recently.

“Shelley called,” Lori will say. And she’ll tell us about phone calls she’s had from family.

Then the conversation sort of winds down because, let’s face it, none of us are doing much these days. That’s when I’ll read a chapter or two.

Sometimes the neighbor mows the lawn and I have to speak up. Sometimes we get some competition from ravens squawking in the trees. Occasionally, a little rain comes in. Lori and Robert sit under the patio umbrella and Peter and I sit under the overhang of the house. We let the rain pass and I keep reading.

Lori laughs out loud — which makes me happy. She laughs at both the funny and the gruesome parts. When I am finished, she and Robert ask questions and Robert (who is not generally a fiction reader) asks some excellent ones.

We leave before it gets too late. I have a hike to take. Lori gets tired. Robert needs to heat up whatever Peter has brought for dinner. And when I get home, I always feel better than when I left.

I’ve come to think of the little gatherings on Lori’s deck as a sort of distillation of everything we need as humans. We need nutritious food and we need to sit together and we need to share stories. And we need to laugh. We need to laugh a lot more than we have recently.

Over the next few days, I write a little more and Peter keeps on cooking, and we keep in touch with Lori by sending a text or two.

Then Peter will ask, “When would you like to read to Lori?”

“Anytime,” I say. “Any day that works for her.”

Till next time,

Carrie

Carrie Classon’s memoir is called, “Blue Yarn.” Learn more at [CarrieClasson.com](https://www.CarrieClasson.com).



## Super loop and US 69 closed at same time

MONT BELVIEU and HOUSTON – “Too Bad you can’t get there from here.”

Would have been the thing to say to a traveller trying to get home from Sugarland last week-end overnight hours as part of Interstate 10 and Highway 59 closed at the same time along with part of US 610.

Bridge beams were brought in for the section of I-10 at Highway 99 Saturday. Panels were set along with deck panels and concrete was poured.

It all began locally as early Saturday the left lane of eastbound I-10 closed between Highway 99 and Highway 146, part of the detour used Highway 99 with some motorists reluctant to use the tollway adding to confusion. Then, about midmorning, they

closed he Westbound frontage roads at Highway 99 for a bunch of U-Turns.

That night, beginning about 11:00 p.m. there were 30 minute closures of all of Interstate 10 Westbound until 4:00 a.m. They used the Highway 99 exit ramp to detour to frontage roads. And on FM 3180 the frontage roads were closed.

At 4:00 a.m. the Interstate Reopened and at 7:00 a.m. the frontage roads reopened.

US Highway 69 (Highway 59) closed all weekend for construction of fly-over roadways near IH-610, said to now be the busiest stretch in Houston for traffic from South Rice to 610. US 59 northbound ramp to 610 and I-610 ramp to Highway 59 with an I 610 closure at Interstate 10.

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Hopkins, who also has dreadlocks, wrote, “Never cut your locks Deandre Arnold.”

Arnold was also invited to the Ellen Degeneres Show where he was presented with a **check for \$20,000 from singer Alicia Keys** for “standing up for what is right.” Degeneres said she believed male students should be able to wear their hair as long as they wanted.

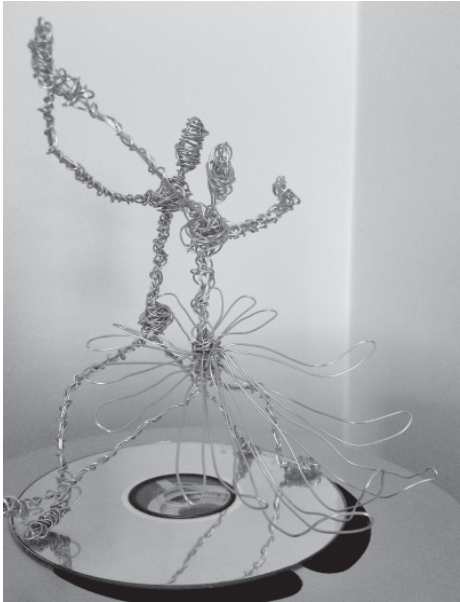
He was also **invited to the Oscars in January 2020 by the creators of ‘Hair Love,’** including Matthew A. Cherry and co-producer Gabrielle Union and her NBA-star husband, Dwayne Wade.

Teachers union backs Arnold

In February, the **Texas American Federation of Teachers said it was standing with Arnold** saying, “We urge Barbers Hills ISD to begin immediate steps to change the dress code policy so that it is not discriminatory on any grounds.”

The group then said the district owed Arnold an apology.

## ART GALLERY: Mei uses recycled wire and CDs to make wire sculptures



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Sapphire is found in many parts of the world, but the most prized Sapphires are from Myanmar (Burma), Kashmir and Sri Lanka. Sapphires with highly saturated violet-blue color and “velvety” or “sleepy” transparency are more rare than other sapphire colors. The purer the blue of the Sapphire, the greater the price. However, many people find that the darker hues of Sapphire can be just as appealing.

Sapphires are not only blue, they come in almost every color of the rainbow: pink, yellow, orange, peach, and violet colors. The most sought-after color fancy

Sapphire is the rare and beautiful Padparadscha: a pink-orange corundum with a distinctive salmon color reminiscent of a tropical sunset. These ultra-rare, ultra-expensive stones are among the most coveted gems in the world.

Really, the only color you won’t find termed a “Sapphire” is red, because red sapphire is called Ruby. For a more in-depth look a Sapphires, Diamonds and other gem stones, visit is online at PineforestJewelry.com.

Thank you for reading the “Ask Diamond Jim” column.

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## Parks & Trails,

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dents and visitors with many different opportunities for exercise and recreation.

Precinct 2 is very diverse! 60% of Precinct 2 residents are of Hispanic origin, 27% are White, 9% of residents are Black, 2% are Asian, and 2% are another race.

Parks and trails in Precinct 2 have a variety of amenities to meet community needs. For instance, Sylvan Beach Park has a playground, beaches, picnic areas, a fishing pier, boat ramp, an air-conditioned pavilion, and wifi!

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## Hurricanes,

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guidance of local officials, follow evacuation orders, and remain vigilant as we brace for the impact of Hurricane Laura. The State of Texas will continue to monitor this storm and provide the resources needed to keep Texans safe.”

Hurricane Laura is expected to gain strength to a Category 3 or 4 hurricane as it makes landfall over Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana late Wednesday or early Thursday. These areas are expected to experience tropical storm force winds, heavy rain, significant storm surge, possible flash flooding, and rising water levels. Heavy rainfall begins over Southeast Texas on Wednesday will shift into Northeast Texas on Thursday. The primary water threat will be from storm surge. Texans are urged to remain vigilant and aware as Hurricane Laura continues to head towards Texas.

HARRIS COUNTY – Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia stated to the Highlands, Crosby, Galena Park, North Forest and Channelview vicinity residents, “I hope you are staying safe and preparing for the upcoming storms. As of this morning, the National Hurricane Center reported Laura has become a hurricane. It is imperative that you and your family are prepared for potential impact. If you haven’t, please start doing it NOW.

Forecasters are predicting heavy rain, high ties and strong winds in our area. Experts are asking residents be prepared for power outages starting Wednesday evening.

Last week we announced suspending our senior meal delivery program for today (8/25) and tomorrow. In response to this, I asked my staff to send two meals yesterday and a box of shelf stable food to support our seniors through the rest of this week. Due to the current forecast and for the safety of my staff, I’m extending the suspension of the meals until the end of this week.

My team is assisting with transportation/evacuation of constituents identified by the State of Texas Emergency Accessibility Registry to San Antonio.

Our Road and Bridge crews are on standby and ready to respond in the event of down trees, flooding and potential high water rescues.

We are also in discussions with the American Red Cross to set up shelters at our community centers, if needed.

Review your Hurricane plan with your family. Ensure your kit has everything you need, make sure you have all your prescriptions filled, keep a list of all your prescriptions with names and dosage amounts, put all your important documents in a waterproof container. fill up your gas tank, have food that won’t spoil due to power

outages, have your Covid-19 supplies such as masks, and hand sanitizers ready, remove, store or tie down any items from the outdoors that may shift due to high winds, including; BBQ pits, toys, trampolines, furniture, hanging plants, hoses, flowerpots, garden decor, make sure you have flashlights, batteries and matches. If you have a generator, have it ready for potential power outages. Check your evacuation zones. Please take time to prepare and do not forget to check on the elderly. If you would like to report down trees, flooding or if you have any questions that we can help answer please call our Harris County Precinct 2 call center at 713-274-2222. Stay safe, your Commissioner, Adrian Garcia

On the night of Aug. 25, 2017, Hurricane Harvey roared into Texas as a Category 4 hurricane leaving a path of devastation in its wake. Three years later, work to repair Harvey’s damage remains, but with great determination and perseverance, Texas communities have made strong progress in their recovery.

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Harvey is the second-costliest U.S. natural disaster only Hurricane Katrina that struck the Gulf Coast in 2005 caused more damage. Although the damage estimates are high, federal, state and local funds along with non-profit assistance, volunteer hours and donations have helped Texans continue their recovery.

Texans to date have been provided with \$14.5 billion in federal funds including grants, loans and flood insurance payments to assist in repair and replacement of their homes and their belongings. FEMA Public Assistance has awarded, and the Texas Division of Emergency Management has disbursed, more than \$2.1 billion in grants for debris removal, measures taken to prepare for Harvey and permanent repair or replacement of public infrastructure. And, FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Grant Program has funded \$246 million for projects to limit damages caused by future disasters.

Three years after Harvey, Texans find themselves in the midst of another hurricane season. This should serve as a great reminder to buy or renew a policy with the National Flood Insurance Program. After the storm, about 92,000 Texans received flood insurance payouts for an estimated \$9 billion. Many Texans without flood insurance, however, had to rebuild their lives with personal savings and whatever federal assistance they were eligible to receive.

There is not a better time to plan for the unexpected than now. For more information on preparing for a disaster, visit [ready.gov](http://ready.gov).

## CHARLOTTE’S WEB



### Forty Years

As the possibility of Tropical Storm Laura impacting Harris County, I sat down with my son and his wife to discuss plans for the next few days. By the time the National Weather Service upgraded the storm to Hurricane Laura, I found myself driving to Austin with my daughter in love as well as my two granddaughters.

On the road again, heading west and reflecting on how many changes have happened in the 40 years since I moved to Austin to attend the University of Texas after graduating from North Shore Senior High. In August 1980, I found myself moving into a private dorm with almost 300 strangers. Fortunately, I knew my roommate, who had graduated from C.E. King High School. Sarah and I had met while in high school working at Weingarten’s on Uvalde Road. We had both been accepted to the University and then accepted as residents at the prestigious Scottish Rite Dormitory. We had no idea what the future would bring, but we were on a mission to enjoy college, Austin and getting to know new friends.


Today as we drove into Austin, we saw the familiar scene of continual construction. The roads were not as congested as my recent trips to visit friends in the Austin area. I could not imagine how many new apartment complexes had been added to the city and surrounding areas in the past 40 years. It seemed like the area had spread like wildfire.

As someone who attended University of Texas, I can understand the thousands who came for college and never left. Austin has such a variety of attractions that it has long been a favorite destination spot for many. As we were preparing to start the journey, we made a list of places to see and things to do.

A visit to the State Capitol as well as the University of Texas are at the top of list. And then there will be the trip by the Scottish Rite Dormitory so the girls can see where I began my college career. We will be off to see Zilker Park, Barton Springs, Lake Travis and more. As the “World’s Capital of Live Music”, as well as the place where I fell in love with Willie Nelson’s music, no doubt we will hear some music in the next few days. My 12 year old granddaughter asked where we could see all the “weird” people. So, I guess we will take a tour of Sixth Street. Who knows, we might even make it to Lukenbach.

In the 40 years since I lived here, Austin has changed, but likewise, I have as well.

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BAYTOWN — (August 13, 2020) — Frequent bloating, cramps and unpredictable bowel movements force millions of Americans suffering from irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) to stay close to a restroom at all times.

Often called “spastic colon,” IBS is a common intestinal disorder that causes abdominal cramps, diarrhea, gas, bloating and constipation. Although help is available, embarrassment causes many people with IBS to suffer in silence rather than seek treatment.

### The Root of the Problem

“The condition occurs when the delicate interplay among the nerves, hormones and electrical activity that link the bowel and the brain is disrupted,” said Dr. Yassir Ashraf, a



**DR. YASSIR ASHRAF**  
gastroenterologist at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital.

If you never thought about the connection between the brain and the stomach before, just imagine the butterflies you feel before making a speech or the bellyache that might come on during a heated argument.

“In IBS, pain sensors in the colon are more sensitive than normal,

causing them to respond strongly to stimuli that don’t affect most people,” Ashraf said. In short, a breakfast of scrambled eggs and milk can spell disaster for those with the disorder.

Ashraf suggests taking these steps if IBS symptoms are beginning to disrupt your life:

- See your physician as soon as symptoms appear. Your physician will know what treatment course is best for you. And since the signs of IBS may mimic those of a serious disease, it’s important to rule out any underlying disorder.
- Write down the foods that seem to bring on symptoms and discuss your findings with your doctor. Once you identify the foods that trigger symptoms, scale back your intake. Common culprits are dairy products, caffeine, beans, cabbage,

fat and alcohol. Remember that many of the nutrients you need may be in the foods you are avoiding, so be sure to make healthy substitutions.

- Limit spicy foods.
- Since large meals often cause cramping and diarrhea, try eating a few small meals throughout the day instead of three large courses.
- Control tension levels. Because of the brain-bowel connection, high stress levels can trigger IBS symptoms. To unwind, go for a daily walk, talk with a friend, dust off an old hobby or listen to music.

Although antidiarrheals and laxatives may ease symptoms, they are not a long-term solution. Instead, your doctor may prescribe antispasmodics for relief. In severe cases,

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# Precinct 2 Hurricane Planning Guide:

MESSAGE FROM PCT. 2 COMMISSIONER ADRIAN GARCIA: I hope you are staying safe and preparing for the upcoming storms. As of this morning, the **National Hurricane Center** reported Laura has become a hurricane. **It is imperative that you and your family are prepared for potential impact. If you haven't, please start doing it NOW.** Forecasters are predicting heavy rain, high ties and strong winds in our area. Experts are asking residents be prepared for power outages starting

Wednesday evening. A few updates about what we have been doing to prepare: **SENIOR MEALS PROGRAM:** Last week we announced suspending our senior meal delivery program for today (8/25) and tomorrow. In response to this, I asked my staff to send two meals yesterday and a box of shelf stable food to support our seniors through the rest of this week. Due to the current forecast and for the safety of my staff, I'm extending the suspension of the meals until the end

of this week. **CLOSURES:** Sylvan Beach Park including the pier has been closed. Other facilities may close pending on the trajectory of the storm. **SUPPORTING WITH TRANSPORTATION:** My team is assisting with transportation/evacuation of constituents identified by the State of Texas Emergency Accessibility Registry to San Antonio. **READY TO RESPOND:** Our Road and Bridge

crews are on standby and ready to respond in the event of down trees, flooding and potential high water rescues. We are also in discussions with the American Red Cross to set up shelters at our community centers, if needed. **IMPORTANT STEPS YOU SHOULD TAKE NOW:** \* Review your Hurricane plan with your family \* Ensure your kit has everything you need \* Make sure you have all your prescriptions filled

\* Keep a list of all your prescriptions with names and dosage amounts \* Put all your important documents in a waterproof container \* Fill up your tank \* Have food that won't spoil due to power outages \* Have your Covid-19 supplies such as masks, and hand sanitizers ready \* Remove, store or tie down any items from the outdoors that may shift due to high winds. \* Items such as: BBQ pits, toys, trampolines, furniture, hanging plants, hoses, flowerpots, garden

decor \* Make sure you have flashlights, batteries and matches \* If you have a generator, have it ready for potential power outages \* Check your evacuation zones. **Please take time to prepare and do not forget to check on the elderly. If you would like to report down trees, flooding or if you have any questions that we can help answer please call our Harris County Precinct 2 call center at 713-274-2222.**



## BE STORM READY

### MAKE A PLAN & MAKE A KIT

**MAKE A PLAN:** Review with your family

- How will you contact each other?
- Check on your elderly.
- Where will you go for safety?
- Who will check on pets?
- What will you do during and after storm?

**MAKE A KIT:** Get your basic supplies ready .

- Covid-19 supplies
- Non-Perishable Food
- Radio/ Cellphone
- Charger
- Flashlight/Batteries
- Medicine
- First Aid Kit
- Documents
- Matches
- Whistle

HELPFUL NUMBERS	
Precinct 2 Call Center	713-274-2222
Evacuation Assistance Registration	2-1-1 or 3-1-1 (in Houston)
Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management	713-881-3100

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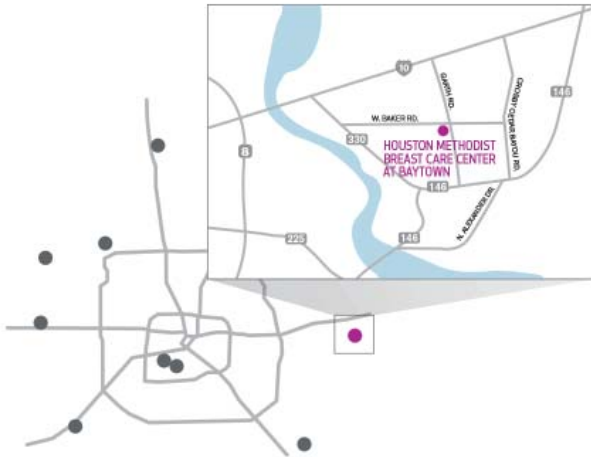
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